





## Today's Advertisements.



### VICTORIA FRECEPTORY.

A REGULAR MEETING of the VICTORIA FRECEPTORY will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, TO-NIGHT, the 20th inst., at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting St. Knights are cordially invited to attend.  
Hongkong, 20th January, 1898. [100]

### VICTORIA CHAPTER.

A REGULAR CONVOCATION of the above CHAPTER will be held in the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on FRIDAY, the 28th inst., at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Companions are cordially invited to attend.  
Hongkong, 20th January, 1898. [150]



### GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

IT is hereby notified that the Hongkong Volunteers will FIRE from Machine Guns on a land and water range to the East of Deep Water Bay on SATURDAY, the 22nd January, 1898.  
Picquets will be posted to ensure safety of land range.  
By Command,  
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,  
Colonial Secretary.  
Hongkong, 20th January, 1898. [147]

### NOTICE.

A RESPECTABLE YOUNG MAN wishes to meet with a Gentleman who is leaving for Home, and offers himself as VALET and COMPANION in exchange for trip, or as otherwise agreed.  
Apply  
"Z. Y. X."  
c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office.  
Hongkong, 20th January, 1898. [149]

### EXCURSION TO MACAO.

THE S.S. "HOI TONG" will leave the MARKET WHARF on SUNDAY next the 23rd inst., for MACAO at 4 A.M. precisely, leaving MACAO for HONGKONG at 6 P.M. Fare for Return Journey \$2. Liquors only supplied on board.  
Owner's address:—Mr. CHI WO,  
29, WING WO LANE, Hongkong.  
Hongkong, 20th January, 1898. [148]

### CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.  
THE Company's Steamship  
"PAKHOI,"  
Captain Shih, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 21st inst., at 3 P.M.  
For Freight or Passage, apply to  
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 20th January, 1898. [151]

### OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR AMOY.  
THE Company's Steamship  
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Captain Lyett, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 21st inst., at 3 P.M.  
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AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

### NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM TRIESTE, VENICE, PORT SAID, SUEZ, ADEK, KURRACHI, BOMBAY, COLOMBO, PENANG & SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship  
"AMPHITRITE,"  
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at this risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, whence delivery may be obtained. This vessel brings Cargo—  
From Calcutta, ex S.S. *Agalya*, transhipped at Colombo.  
From Trieste, ex S.S. *Imperator* transhipped at Bombay.  
From Venice, ex S.S. *Matthias*, and *Prin*, transhipped at Trieste.  
Optional Cargo will be discharged here unless notice to the contrary be given immediately.  
No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Claims must be sent in to the Underwriter before Noon on the 26th inst., or they will not be recognized.  
No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 26th inst. will be subject to rent.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
SANDER & CO.,  
Agents.  
Hongkong, 20th January, 1898. [154]

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY, VICTORIA DISPENSARY, HONGKONG.

### AERATED WATERS.

SODA WATER.  
LEMONADE.  
GINGER ALE.  
RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.  
Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, RESTAURANTS and other Large Consumers.  
Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.  
Hongkong, 1st March, 1897. [150]

## Intimations.

### NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

It is requested that all communications relating to Subscriptions, Advertisements, &c., be addressed to the "Hongkong Telegraph," and not to the Editor.  
Letters on Editorial matters to be sent to "The Editor" and not to individual members of the staff.  
Communications intended for publication must be accompanied by the name and address of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as evidence of good faith.  
While the columns of the Hongkong Telegraph will always be open for the free discussion of all questions affecting the public interest, it must be distinctly understood that the Editor does not in any way hold himself responsible for opinions they may express.



### A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

## WINES & SPIRITS.

ALL these are selected by our London House, bought direct at first hand, imported in wood and bottled by ourselves, thus saving all intermediate profits, and enabling us to supply the best goods at MODERATE PRICES.

PRICE LISTS, with Full Details, to be had on Application.

PORT after removal should be rested a month before use. When required for drinking at once it should be ordered to be decanted at the Dispensary before being sent out.

SHERRY—Excellent Dancer and After Dinner Wines of very superior Vintages. All are true Xeres Wines.

CLARET—Our Claret, including the lowest priced, are guaranteed to be the genuine product of the juice of the grape and are not artificially made from raisins and curants, as is generally the case with Cheap Wines.

BRANDY—All our Brandy is guaranteed to be pure Cognac, the difference in price being merely a question of age and vintage.

WHISKY—All our Whisky is of excellent quality and of greater age than most brands in the market. The SCOTCH WHISKY marked "E" is universally popular, and is pronounced by the best local connoisseurs to be superior to any other brand in the Hongkong market.

We only guarantee our Wines and Spirits to be genuine when bought direct from us in the Colonies from our authorized Agents at the Coast Ports.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD.  
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.  
Hongkong, 8th December, 1897. [7]

### MARRIAGES.

At Shanghai, on the 15th January, 1898, at H.B.M.'s Consulate-General, by George Jamieson, Esq., C.M.G., Consul-General, and afterwards at the Union Church by the Rev. J. R. Hykes, D.D. ALBERT SMITH, eldest son of St. Vincent Smith, South Yarra, Melbourne, to MARY SUTHERLAND MERRILL, second daughter of Alexander Grant Merrill, of the Statistical Department of I.M. Customs, Shanghai.

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### DEATH.

At the General Hospital, Yokohama, on the 7th inst., THOMAS RYDING GARDEN, aged 65 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 1898.

### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

The *Semais Colonialis* relates a funny story of red-tape in a French Colony, where our dear departed D.P.W. would be a treasure and delight, if he would go there. The story goes that the paternal Paris Government provided the new colony with an experimental agricultural establishment, where in course of time the nursery beds produced, among other things, five hundred thousand flourishing coffee-plants from excellent seed. Then the question arose—what are we to do with these things? Oh, said some bright young bureaucrats, give them out to the natives, so many to each village in the neighbourhood; tell the village chiefs how to cultivate them, and then even if nine out of ten seedlings come to nothing, the odd one will remain, and a good start will have been made with a new industry, to the immense benefit of the colony. Splendid idea! Of course, the sanction of the authorities had first to be obtained; and this was not difficult. The authorities promptly replied approving of the scheme, and with the greatest pleasure set to work drafting rules, to wit:—

Art. I.—Natives wishing to obtain coffee plants must send in written applications, stating name, age, residence, and number of plants required. [Of course, not a peasant in the land could write.]

Art. II.—Each application must be stamped with a ten-cent stamp. [The poor niggers didn't even know what a stamp was.]

Art. III.—Applications must be countersigned by the Chief of Bureau No. 2, and sent to the Chief of Bureau No. 1.

Art. IV.—The Director of the Experimental Establishment must be entirely responsible for all the coffee-plants, entrusted to him for distribution.

On looking over the rules, somebody gravely remarked, "There is one thing left out; the recipients of the plants ought to give the Director receipts for them, or how can he be responsible?" And still French Colonies fall!

We regret that NAPOLEON is dead, for we have a pretty retort to his fear about the British being "a nation of shopkeepers." We would like to tell him that we do not require the State to do the shopkeeping for us. In France, in Germany, in Russia, in Austria, and to a smaller extent in other

countries, the people frequently seem as if they dare not lay out their money in any enterprise without the aid of Ministers of State and rulers of mighty empires to superintend, advise, encourage, subsidize and otherwise mollycoddle them in their buying and selling, their planting and reaping, their mining and manufacturing, their shipping, banking, and even their baby-breeding! The Grande Monarchie and the Petit Caporal must both turn in their graves, to see their modern representative dividing his time between bountifully everybody in France and touting for trade in foreign countries. Their illustrious predecessor Bismarck showed a lofty contempt for money, when he was receiving the ransom of Rome, and the money was weighed with a fraudulent balance: "Here, throw my sword into the scale; that ought to weigh!" Now the scene is different; President FAUX embraces Emperor NICKERSON, and the kiss is carefully watched, weighed and measured, and assessed at its probable value in hard cash. And instead of weeping, like ALEXANDER the Great, for more worlds to conquer, the French nation yearns with a ceaseless yearn for more worlds to regulate, more shopkeepers to subvert, more undeveloped wildernesses to Governmentize.

It is just this sort of red tape that kills a colony; or, if the colony refuses to be killed, the red tape limits its expansion as much as possible. We can sympathize sincerely with our French friends, for there is red tape enough in Hongkong. Frenchmen, however, rather invite officious meddling and meddling, by always looking to the Government to wet-nurse every pioneering enterprise. In Hongkong we usually ask the Government to do nothing at all, as far as regards business enterprises; we beg and pray the Government to let us alone, because we know that Government people (as the inevitable result of their training and official surroundings) are usually more liable to make mistakes than ordinary mortals, whose livelihood is liable to disappear if they blunder. That is why the British nation adheres firmly to the maxim "The less Government, the better." There are some things which cannot be done except by Government; we reluctantly have to leave the Post Office, Public Works, and financial administration in official hands—whose fingers are all thumbs, metaphorically speaking.

All this preamble is intended to lead up to the one striking fact that the Public Works Department seems to have finished finding drains blocked up by the Praya Reclamation. It has not quite amounted to needing the whole of the reclamation work to be undone and started over again from the beginning; but if not, small thanks to the Hon. F. A. COOPER and Mr. BOWDLER.

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STAFF CAPT. F. SYMONS, of the Salvation Army, desires to inform the public of Hongkong, that he has been commissioned by Wm. Booth, the General, to open a Naval and Military Home at Hongkong, principally for men of the Navy and Army, but persons of all nationality and all trades of society are equally welcomed. Suitable premises have been obtained in the island and floors of No. 79, Queen's Road Central; there a reading room and a cheap refreshment bar will be conducted as soon as the premises are put in order. A humble and earnest appeal is made for contributions in money or kind to start this work. Any donations will be thankfully received at 79, Queen's Road Central.

A CRICKET match between the H.K.C.C. and H.K.F.C. will be begun to-morrow at 3 p.m. and will be resumed at 10 a.m. on Saturday. The following play for the respective clubs:—

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THE Post and Money Order Offices will be entirely closed on Saturday, the 22nd inst. (Chinese New Year's day). The Night Box will be kept open.

DIRECTOR JAHANSEN, of the Central Marine, to-day prosecuted three fish stallholders for keeping their stalls in a dirty state. They were each fined \$5.

H.M.S. *Albatross*, *Albatross*, *Immortal* and the torpedo-destroyers *Hart* and *Handy* are at Shanghai; *Centurion*, *Grafton*, *Iphigene*, *Narcissus* and *Daphne* are at Nagasaki.

THE remains of the late M. Imbach Huet, French Consul at Canton, were exhumed at Happy Valley yesterday and placed on board the M. M. liner *Saghalien* for transmission to Paris.

WE are informed that the reason why H.E. Sir William Robinson decided to remain until February was that he wanted to weather the China New Year, as he likes gongs and crackers. Every man to his taste!

KOWLOON F. C. and F. Company, R. L. R., will play in the tie in the first round of the Shield competition on Monday next at Happy Valley. In the second round the H.K. F. C. will play the winning team in this match.

THE *Yukong* "whod" was accused of robbery in China by a woman whom he arrested her for kidnapping, was brought up at the Magistracy to-day and discharged, no application for his rendition having been received from the Chinese authorities.

Two shopkeepers who had illegally stored kerosene were to-day fined \$10 each and the oil was ordered to be forfeited. His Worship said it was a serious offence and the defendants were liable to fines of \$100 each day the oil was in their possession.

It is said that Prince Henry of Prussia, who has been appointed to the command of the second squadron on the coast of China, will visit Peking, where the Chinese Emperor will receive him as an equal, an unusual honour. Prince Henry, it is announced, is the bearer of a message from Emperor William to the Chinese Emperor in which is included a programme of Chinese reforms.

A MAN who was charged with breaking into a blacksmith's store, on Queen's Road West and stealing therefrom \$2.50 worth of bar iron, said that he had the use of the store and that complainant, who owed him fifty cents, told him he could take the iron in payment. Complainant denied having any transaction at all with the prisoner. The padlock of the store was found broken. When arrested defendant said he took the iron because he had no money, and he told Sergeant Gault that he broke the lock with his hands. A sentence of three months was inflicted.

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Overture ..... Polka Marche ..... Marche  
Selection ..... Selection ..... Selection  
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WE have received two complete reports of His Excellency the Governor's farewell to the Colony, and the Colony's farewell address to him. We don't know which version is correct—neither, we fancy. One of them is headed "Oh Willie, we shall miss you," and the other is "We will hang our harps on the weeping willow tree."

AFTER taking advantage of every quibble of the law that money could pay for the best legal talent, Theodore Durrant, the Belfry murderer, was sentenced to be hanged at the San Quentin Prison on the 7th inst. It was the fourth time he had been sentenced to death, but the last time he seemed to realize that the law had run its course and he had to meet the penalty of his crime.

A REMARKABLE discovery was recently made at Bull Point Naval Ordnance Depot, Devonport. When the shell-room, which was locked up on Saturday afternoon, was opened, it was found that one of the shells stored in the building had exploded and that the base and head of it were missing. The building contains hundreds of live shells, with fuses attached, ready for transport to foreign stations for use at sea. They are contained in boxes, in each of which three shells are packed with padding between to minimize the risk of explosion from concussion. The shell which exploded was in one of these boxes, and the explosion has blown out the ends of the case without causing injury to the other shells packed with it. So far no theory is advanced to account for the explosion.

THE Chamber of Deputies at Rome appointed a commission of five on the 2nd ult. to inquire into the charges against Signor Francesco Crispi, former Premier, in connection with the Bank of Naples scandals and the alleged illegal traffic in decorations. The proceedings are the result of a recent decision of the Italian Court of Cassation, which quashed the judicial indictment brought against him on the ground that the ordinary tribunals of justice were not competent to deal with such charges brought against a former member of the Government or his conduct while in the Government. The Court of Cassation held that such charges must be dealt with by Parliament, which was the contention of Signor Crispi, and the judicial proceedings were thrown out. The special commission was appointed after an impressive speech by Signor Crispi in which he declared that he desired the most ample and complete discussion of the whole question, and did not dread the light, which, he said, could reveal nothing against him. "I am the victim of calumny," he asserted, "and should have brought suit against my calumniators if the matter had not been referred to the Chamber." He admitted that there had been times when he had erred. He claimed for his conquerors an unbiased judgment, and asserted that he was prepared to testify before the commission to omit nothing, so that the matter might be probed to the deepest, adding pathetically, "but it will be very hard at 78, after devoting thirty-three years to the service of my country." This passage of the speech provoked violent interruption, and the president of the Chamber formally warned two Socialist deputies, who were particularly violent. Signor Crispi said: "I remain calm, even in the face of my adversaries' invectives. I have a serene conscience, and I shall die, when my time comes, with the name of Italy upon my lips. But I ask to be allowed to pass my last days quietly. If Italy needs me I shall always be ready to serve her, but I do not have and never have had ambition for power."

TO him who carefully considers the ways of British government the existence of the British Empire must always be a very surprising phenomenon. Our colonies were founded by the efforts of individuals; their troubles usually began when they had attained sufficient importance to attract the attention of the Government and they have remained within the Empire in spite of official discouragement, neglect, and even positive hostility. Our Indian Empire was founded by a company of merchants, without which it may be safely affirmed, such an Empire would never have been founded at all. Our trade with distant countries has, in like manner, been created by individual effort, which has rarely received intelligent assistance in critical periods, and has frequently had to contend with official stupidity. Two letters from our Shanghai Correspondent give a succinct but vivid account of the history of British trade with China, which represents with substantial accuracy the history of British enterprise as a whole. That trade is a monument of individual initiative and enterprise on the one hand, and official incapacity to assist and profit by these things on the other. Had British intercourse with China enjoyed the advantage of organization in the form of a corporation like the East India Company our position in the Far East would have been very different from what it is to-day. There is no other community that could have done so much in the absence of such organization, and there is no Government to the civilized world that would have done so little as our own to second the efforts of its adventurous citizens. There is a rather striking similarity in the position of the British and Chinese peoples. Both are a mixture of the East and the West. The Chinese, out of China, easily take the lead in commercial undertakings among Orientals. Properly led, the two peoples, brought together by the restless exploring spirit of one of them, would by this time have constructed a vast fabric of commercial relations profitable to both. But in both countries powerful influences, though of a very different character, have retarded rather than assisted the efforts of individual enterprise. Chinese Mandarins will obstinately oppose every honest and useful enterprise, very, and call the other day their own business affairs were finally convinced that the profit of Imperial policy to the Far East was the cancellation of all costs of Government which they regarded as a valuable talisman against the advance of Russia.—*Times*.

FOR having unjust weights in their possession three dealers, charged by Inspector Duncan, were each fined \$10 to-day. His Worship said that when the scales got out of order through wear and tear they were always against the purchaser somehow.

THE five men charged with assaulting a coolie at Yau-mat by tying him up by his queue were again brought before the Magistrate to-day. Sergeant Courts stated that the complainant was still in hospital and the case was remanded till Thursday next, the bail being reduced to \$5 each.

A RETURNED deportee who was found with an iron crowbar in his hand, was to-day charged with unlawful possession of the implement. He said he had found it amongst some coal aboard ship. A sentence of 14 days was imposed, but no evidence was obtainable to convict him of returning from banishment.

EVERY once in a while, says the *Christian Commonwealth*, we hear a new story of Lorenzo Dow, the famous eccentric Unitarian Methodist preacher. The account of how he counted his wife—it counting it can be called—is the latest. When he was a widower he said to the congregation one day at the close of his sermon: "I am a candidate for matrimony; and if there is any woman in this audience who is willing to marry me, I would thank her to rise." A woman rose very near the pulpit, and another in a distant part of the house. Mr. Dow paused a moment, and then said: "There are two; I think this one near me rose first; at any rate, I will have her for my wife." This woman was in good standing and possessed of considerable property. Very soon after this eccentric wooing she became Mrs. Dow.

THE TRIAD SOCIETY CASE.  
The Attorney-General informed His Lordship that he had yesterday rather hurriedly filed two informations against Lo Shau and Chang Lee, and he to-day asked permission to withdraw them, in order that the men might be sent back before the Magistrate. The sending of them back would put them to exactly the same position as they were in before committal. If at the end of the Session there was no information filed, the men would be discharged.

His Lordship suggested, and there being only one other case, discharged the jury not engaged and that led them for their attendance.

ON the Court resuming to-day Mr. Mok Man Chung, translator at the Supreme Court, read a full translation made by him of the letter found on prisoner. In it prisoner accused the deceased Li Fat Tong of disheveling his hair and of threatening his (prisoner's) sister, who was Li Fat Tong's wife. He stated that deceased wished to kill him as he wanted to marry him (the prisoner). In many ways. The letter also contained a statement that "his cruel act was done because of the wickedness of Li Fat Tong." The translation read the statement made by the prisoner at the Chamber after his arrest, and its purport was the same as that of the letter.

Mr. Melbourne, in his address to the jury, said there was the question to be considered whether the deceased man was not the guilty person, killing the woman and sticking the accused and then killing himself. He said that if the accused was guilty, he was guilty at the time and corner held strong on the evidence of Father Torres and others as to the mental condition of the prisoner's father and mother.

The Attorney-General dealt largely with the legal aspect of crime by lunatics and quoted opinions given by the English Court on the subject. As to criminal impulses, he contended that if they were to be excuses for wrongdoing, society could not be held together. He mentioned cases where an uncontrollable impulse might be said to exist, and that for a time but something more than that was wanted, he said, to obtain an acquittal. There was no evidence as to the facts brought forward on the prisoner's behalf, and there was nothing to show that, whether he had delusions or not, he was justified in the killing. It was true that he had a delusion that the other man was going to kill him then he would be acting in self defence.

His Lordship, in summing up, reviewed the whole of the evidence pointing out to the jury the matters by which they were to be guided in coming to their decision.

The jury retired after His Lordship had concluded and returned in five minutes with a verdict of "guilty."

Before being sentenced prisoner made a statement to the effect that he knew nothing of the murder, but had heard people say that he did it. Sentence of death was then passed on the prisoner, whose demeanour was as calm as it had been all through the trial.

CHINESE EXAMINATIONS.  
The autumn examinations for the Masters' degree in 1897 have been held and the lists of successful candidates have been published. By Imperial edict questions were to be asked and answered on matters important at the present time. Under this comprehensive phrase railways, commerce, foreign relations, politics and industry were mentioned, and every student was to be subject of enquiry for every student who wished to obtain the Master's degree, and the change was very considerable, for hitherto the questions asked have been literary and have been limited to the literature of China. No question on the last three days of the nine was asked which could not be answered out of the classics and the books of Chinese authors since the age of Confucius. In the Ming dynasty, five hundred years ago, when the modern system of examinations was established, the system of examination was established on broad and liberal lines. The student must read history and know the causes of the rise and fall of dynasties. It was not of China, at every period that all intellectual, moral and material property were due to the administration of able scholars and statesmen; to the student must be familiar with their biographies. All mankind to be a Sage and the people sprang from celestial deities of both men and women, therefore the student must know who these men were and what were their offices. Literally in the subject of science and his family is a first principle in the Chinese creed. All particulars regarding the sovereign are important and the biography of men born of







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STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
HIROSHIMA MARU	Kobe and Yokohama	FRIDAY, 21st January, at Noon.
SAGAMI MARU	SHANGHAI, JINSEN, SHIMO-NOSEKI and KOBE	FRIDAY, 21st January, at 4 P.M.
OMI MARU	NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	MONDAY, 24th January, at 4 P.M.
YAMAGUCHI MARU	SINGAPORE, COLOMBO and S. Keweenaw	TUESDAY, 25th January, at Noon.
KAGOSHIMA MARU	SEATTLE, WAH, VIA KOBE and YOKOHAMA	THURSDAY, 27th January, at 4 P.M.
YAMASHIRO MARU	THURSUAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, KEPPEL BAY, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE	FRIDAY, 28th January, at 4 P.M.
INABA MARU	MARSEILLES, LONDON, NEW CASTLE, and ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE (Transshipping Cargo for JAVA PORTS), PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.	THURSDAY, 3rd February, at 4 P.M.

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For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE,  
Hongkong Agency,  
F. AUGUSTIN,  
Manager.

For the BANK OF CHINA & JAPAN, LIMITED, HONGKONG,  
CHANTREY INCHBALD,  
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For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED, S. CHOH,  
Agent.

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THE Undermentioned INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on SATURDAY, the 22nd instant.  
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CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LD.  
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HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LD.  
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Secretary.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LD.  
W. H. PERCIVAL,  
Agent.

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SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
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FOR KOBE.  
THE Company's Steamship  
"CHINGTU,"  
Captain Innes, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 21st instant, at Noon.  
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OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.  
FOR SANDAKAN AND KUDAT.  
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THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.  
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CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.  
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Captain Williams, will be despatched on MONDAY, the 31st instant, at 3 P.M.  
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FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.  
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"HANSEAT,"  
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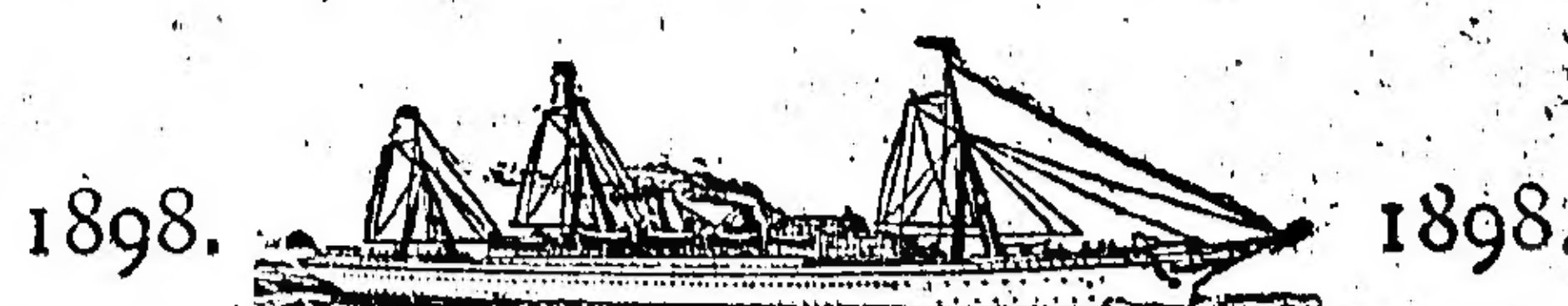
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China (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea, Yokohama and Honolulu)..... Saturday, 12th Feb., at Noon.  
Peru (via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Inland Sea and Yokohama)..... Thursday, 3rd March at Noon.

THE U.S. Mail Steamship  
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J. S. VAN BUREN, Agent.  
Hongkong, 15th January, 1898.

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W. G. HUMPHREYS & Co.,  
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Hongkong, 9th March, 1897.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.  
STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS, PLYMOUTH AND LONDON.  
(Through Bills of Lading issued for BATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and AMERICAN PORTS.)  
THE Steamship  
"VERONA,"  
Captain C. H. S. Tock, R.N.R., carrying Her Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for BOMBAY, &c., on THURSDAY, the 27th January, at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the above Ports.

All Cargo for France and London will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London.  
Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and Value of all Packages are required.  
Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.  
For further Particulars, apply to H. A. RITCHIE, Superintendent.  
Hongkong, 13th January, 1898.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.  
NOTICE.  
STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA, ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA AND BALTIC PORTS:  
LONDON, NEW YORK, BOSTON, BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.  
N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES IN RUSSIA.  
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.  
(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Prussia..... Tuesday... 1st Feb.  
Sachsen..... Tuesday... 1st March.  
Bayern..... Wednesday... 30th March.  
Prins Heinrich..... Wednesday... 27th April.

ON TUESDAY, the 1st day of February, at 11 A.M., the Company's Steamship "PREUSSEN," Captain P. Wetli, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, calling at Naples and Genoa.

Ship's Orders will be granted till Noon on SATURDAY, the 25th January. Cargo and Specie will be received on board until 5 P.M. on MONDAY the 31st Jan., and Parcels will be received at the Agency's Office until Noon on MONDAY, the 31st Jan. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than \$2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement.

The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess. Lines can be washed on board.  
For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & Co., Agents.  
Hongkong, 6th January, 1898.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.  
VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE, AND YOKOHAMA.  
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.  
FOR VICTORIA, B.C. AND TACOMA IN CONNECTION WITH NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.  
Tacoma..... 1,549 | A. Dixon..... Feb. 1.  
Victoria | 1,591 | J. Truebridge..... Feb. 22.  
Olympia | 1,691 | J. Dobson..... Mar. 15.  
Columbia | 2,605 | A. Gow..... April 5.

ALSO  
FOR PORTLAND, OREGON, IN CONNECTION WITH OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION COMPANY.  
Pillman | 2,338 | A. Gove..... Feb. 8.  
Brammar | 1,601 | E. Porter..... Mar. 8.  
Mogul | 3,654 | W. H. Wright..... Mar. 29.

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Excellent accommodation. First-class Table, DOCTOR and STEWARDESSE carried.  
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